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From: Chuck Hieken [Hieken@fr.com]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 4:41 PM
To: Dabney, Phylesha L.
Subject: RE: Communication via Internet email

Thanks. I will respond Monday. Hoe you have a pleasant weekend.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dabney, Phylesha L. [mailto:Phylesha.Dabney@USPTO.GOV]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 3:23 PM
To: Chuck Hieken
Subject: Communication via Internet email

As requested per our phone conversation on 8 June 2007, I am sending you the section that you need to authorize email communication. In addition, you will find MPEP section 502.03 which covers Internal Email authorization in detail.

> The following is a sample authorization form which may be used by applicant:

> "> Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby
> authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject
> matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a
> copy of these communications will be made of record in the application
> file.> ">

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> Thank you,
> Phylesha L Dabney
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> MPEP 502.03 [R-2] Communications via the Internet
> See Internet Usage Policy, 64 *>FR< 33056 (June 21, 1999). The
> Articles of the Patent Internet Usage Policy pertinent to
> communications via electronic mail are summarized below. See MPEP §
> 904.02(c) for information pertinent to Internet searching, and MPEP §
> 707.05(e) for information pertaining to the citation of electronic
documents. See also MPEP § 713.04 for recordation of e-mail interviews.

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> I. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION (ARTICLE 4) If security

> and confidentiality cannot be attained for a specific use,
> transaction, or activity, then that specific use, transaction, or
activity shall NOT be undertaken/conducted.
> All use of the Internet by Patent Organization employees, contractors,
> and consultants shall be conducted in a manner that ensures compliance
> with confidentiality requirements in statutes, including 35 U.S.C.
> 122, and regulations. Where a written authorization is given by the
> applicant for the USPTO to communicate with the applicant via Internet e-
mail, communications via Internet e-mail may be used.
> Backup, archiving, and recovery of information sent or received via
> the Internet is the responsibility of individual users. The OCIO does
> not, and will not, as a normal practice, provide backup and recovery
> services for information produced, retrieved, stored, or transmitted
to/from the Internet.

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> II. COMMUNICATIONS VIA THE INTERNET AND AUTHORIZATION (ARTICLE 5)
> Communications via Internet e-mail are at the discretion of the
applicant.

> Without a written authorization by applicant in place, the USPTO will
> not respond via Internet e-mail to any Internet correspondence which
> contains information subject to the confidentiality requirement as set
> forth in 35 U.S.C. 122. A paper copy of such correspondence will be
placed in the appropriate patent application.

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> The following is a sample authorization form which may be used by
applicant:

> "> Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby
> authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject
> matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a
> copy of these communications will be made of record in the application
> file.> ">

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> A written authorization may be withdrawn by filing a signed paper
> clearly identifying the original authorization. The following is a
> sample form which may be used by applicant to withdraw the authorization:
> "> The authorization given on_____, to the USPTO to communicate with
> me via the Internet is hereby withdrawn. I understand that the
> withdrawal is effective when approved rather than when received.> ">

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> Where a written authorization is given by the applicant,
> communications via Internet e- mail, other than those under 35 U.S.C.
> 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used. In such case,
> a printed copy of the Internet e-mail communications MUST be given a
> paper number> , entered into the Patent Application Locating and
> Monitoring System (PALM) and entered in the patent application file. A
> reply to an Office action may NOT be communicated by applicant to the
> USPTO via Internet e-mail. If such a reply is submitted by applicant via
Internet e-mail, a paper copy will be placed in the appropriate patent
application file with an indication that the reply is NOT ENTERED.

> >For Image File Wrapper (IFW) processing, see IFW Manual.<

> USPTO employees are NOT permitted to initiate communications with
> applicants via Internet e-mail unless there is a written authorization
> of record in the patent application by the applicant.
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> All reissue applications are open to public inspection under 37 CFR
> 1.11(a) and all papers relating to a reexamination proceeding which
> have been entered of record in the patent or reexamination file are open
to public inspection under 37 CFR 1.11(d).
> USPTO employees are NOT permitted to initiate communications with
> applicant in a reissue application or a patentee of a reexamination
> proceeding via Internet e-mail unless written authorization is given by
the applicant or patentee.

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> III. AUTHENTICATION OF SENDER BY A PATENT ORGANIZATION RECIPIENT
> (ARTICLE 6) The misrepresentation of a sender's identity (i.e.,
> spoofing) is a known risk when using electronic communications.
> Therefore, Patent Organization users have an obligation to be aware of
> this risk and conduct their Internet activities in compliance with
> established procedures.
> Internet e-mail must be initiated by a registered practitioner, or an
> applicant in a pro se application, and sufficient information must be
> provided to show representative capacity in compliance with 37 CFR
> 1.34. Examples of such information include the attorney registration
number, attorney docket number, and patent application number.

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> IV. USE OF ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICES (ARTICLE 7) Once e-mail
> correspondence has been received from the applicant, as set forth in
> Patent Internet Usage Policy Article 4, such correspondence must be
> responded to appropriately. The Patent Examiner may respond to an
> applicant's e-mail correspondence by telephone, fax, or other
appropriate means.

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> V. INTERVIEWS (ARTICLE 8)
> Internet e-mail shall NOT be used to conduct an exchange of
> communications similar to those exchanged during telephone or personal
> interviews unless a written authorization has been given under Patent
> Internet Usage Policy Article 5 to use Internet e-mail. In such cases,
> a paper copy of the Internet e-mail contents MUST be made and placed
> in the patent application file, as required by the Federal Records Act,
in the same manner as an Examiner Interview Summary Form is entered.

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> VI. POLICY GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATIONS (ARTICLE 13) Within the Patent
> Organization, any questions regarding Internet usage policy should be
> directed to the user's immediate supervisor. Non-USPTO personnel
> should direct their questions to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy.

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